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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (Withdrawn) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding fungal immunomodulatory protein comprising SEQ ID NO. 1.
- 2. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, which is ligated to other gene to be expressed in one delivery system.
 - 3-4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Withdrawn) A host cell that is transformed with an expression vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The host cell according to claim 5 that is a bacterium, a fungal cell or a yeast cell.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The host cell according to Claim 5, that is Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Pichia pastoris, Hansenula polymorpha, Candida utilis, Candida boidinii, Candida maltosa, Kluyveromyces lactis, Yarrowia lipolytica, Schwanniomyces occidentalis, Schizosaccaromyces pombe, Torulopsis, Arxula adeninivorans, or Aspergillus (A. nidulans, A. niger, A. awamori, A. oryzae) or Tricoderma (T. reesei).
- 8. (Withdrawn) The host cell according to Claim 5, wherein the yeast is Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

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9-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Withdrawn) The host cell according to Claim 5, which is administered to a

subject selected from the group consisting of mammal, fish, crustacean and poultry.

12. (Withdrawn) The host cell according to Claim 11, wherein the

administration is by the route selected from the group consisting of i.v., i.p, oral,

mucosa, skin adsorption or immersing in solution.

13-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Withdrawn) A process of expressing protein in a host cell with fungal

immunomodulatory protein, the process comprising (a) constructing an expression

vector having the FIP nucleotide sequence that the host cell preferred inserted, (b)

transforming a host cell with the vector; and (c) culturing the host cell under

appropriate conditions for expression, wherein the improved FIP nucleotide sequence

is SEQ ID NO. 1.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 17, wherein the host cell in

step (a) and (b) is Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

20. (Withdrawn) The process according to Claim 17, wherein the vector in step

(b) is pYB101-FIP-yeast.

21. (Withdrawn) The fungal immunomodulatory protein prepared and isolated

from the host cell transformed by the process of Claim 17.

22-23. (Cancelled).

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24. (Withdrawn) A composition for use in modulating immunological activities

by oral route comprising fungal immunomodulatory protein, wherein the fungal

immunomodulatory protein is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule including SEQ. ID

NO. 1.

25. (Withdrawn) The composition according to Claim 24, wherein the fungal

immunomodulatory protein is prepared from natural Ling Zhi.

26. (Withdrawn) The composition according to Claim 24, which is applied to

cosmetic use to reduce inflammation and anaphylaxis.

27. (Withdrawn) The composition according to Claim 24, which is applied to

pharmaceutical use for reducing inflammation and anaphylaxis, modulating

immnuological activity, preventing diabetes, improving asthma, increasing response

against bacterial and viral infection and decreasing immunological response against

organ transplantation.

28. (Withdrawn) The composition according to Claim 24, which is applied to

food or feed additives for lengthening life, modulating immunological activity,

increasing feed conversion and decreasing stress.

29. (Previously Presented) A method of modulating immunological activities

comprising orally administering fungal immunomodulatory protein or protein fused

with FIP to a subject, wherein the fungal immunomodulatory protein is encoded by a

nucleic acid molecule including SEQ. ID NO. 1.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 29, wherein the

protein is prepared from E.coli or Saccharomyces cerevisiae.